



MEMORANDUM

July 12, 2006

File No. 06-071201

TO: All interested parties

FROM: Rochelle Knust, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (DS) AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

This notice advises the public that the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (WADNR) is developing a forest land plan which will produce a set of forest management strategies to address identified management issues in the South Puget HCP Planning Unit. These strategies will be captured in the South Puget Forest Land Plan, and are intended to direct on-the-ground forest management activities to achieve implementation of the agency's policies including the sustainable harvest level for the planning unit. Consistent with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the WADNR will complete a phased review. This first phase is a programmatic proposal, which assesses potential environmental impacts of strategies designed to achieve management objectives across the planning unit. In the future, individual site-specific activities (i.e. construction projects, timber sales, aerial spraying etc.) that implement the strategies may require additional review under SEPA.

Notice of Public Meetings:

Meeting date: July 25, 2006
Time: 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM
Place: Nisqually Lodge
31609 State Rt. 706
Ashford, WA

Meeting date: July 26, 2006
Time: 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM
Place: Mary Theler Community Center
22871 NE State Rt. 3
Belfair, WA

Meeting date: July 27, 2006
Time: 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM
Place: Kiwanis Club of Issaquah
105 Newport Way SW
Issaquah, WA

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination and Scoping Notice can be viewed on DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on July 12, 2006. We will consider comments on this proposed Scoping Notice received by 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2006. **Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center, at P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. You may also email your comments to: sepacenter@wadnr.gov. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.**